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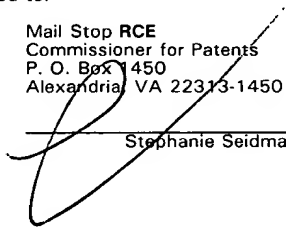
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Preliminary Amendment in connection with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), responsive to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004 (53 pages); a Change of Correspondence Address (Form PTO-SB-122); a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); a check for \$595 for the fee for a two-month extension of time (\$210) and the fee for filing the RCE (\$385); and a return postcard. Should it be determined that an additional fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1050. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency in the above check and any fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.
A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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